

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **APRIL 19, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
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Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier
Cory Darling
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Winchell M. Craig
Erik Huffman
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Technician

Engineering

Guests

Bill Brisson
Ruth Zdanowicz
Sami Fournier
Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Casey Bergh
Perry Graves
Lisa Burley
Tim Lorocco
Bill Padgham
Kent Gaeligff

Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen, SWNA
Citizen, RWNA
Citizen, SBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, Kittelson
Citizen, MVNA
Citizen, SEBNA
Citizen, BANA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis asked the members for approval of the March, 2011 Minutes. A correction of the date of upcoming meeting was mentioned. Members voted to approve the minutes with corrections.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** No additions given. Mr. Arnis asked to move Item 6 – Information Items to the top of the agenda because he had to leave the meeting early.
- 4) **Public Comments:**

Mike Lovely – SBNA is still asking for a cross walk at Brookwood and Poplar and there are even ADA ramps at that intersection. There was a speed complaint on Poplar, but when it was studied by the volunteer speed watch, administered by Sgt. Pine, they found that the actual speed was only 2 - 4 MPH off the posted speed of 25MPH.

Tim Larocco – BANA asked for a description of the traffic projects listed in the General Obligation Bond list. He specifically wanted to know about 27th Street, Butler Market to Conners. Mr. Arnis explained the difference between overlaying a street and a full street reconstruction. Because the SE interceptor sewer project in this part of 27th Street, it will have to be completely reconstructed from curb to curb.

Bill Padgham – CWNA Reported on the Century Drive Crosswalk test and how motorists are conforming to the “no stopping at anytime” signs. He mentioned that when police were present then there was great compliance, but when no police were there then there were some that would still stop and drop off kids. The U-turn compliance has been very good. So mostly it has been a success, he is still waiting for the signage for the pedestrian crossing.

Sami Fournier – RWNA commented about the new Diversion Program for cyclists where cyclists can be sent to traffic school for not following the rules of the road. She feels that Police have a disproportionate focus on cyclists. She also wanted to know if the police have certified instructors to teach the class. Captain Cory Darling noted that police is not targeting cyclists but it gives them one more tool to promote safe cycling.

6) Information Items (moved up in order)

Galveston Improvement Taskforce - Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis reported that the group has a concept plan and has a draft design. They have made good progress in the time they have been meeting. The next step will be to set up some public meetings to get feed back from the citizens who live and work around Galveston.

TSAC Annual Report - Mr. Arnis noted that it is time for the TSAC Annual report, he will ask for input from the membership.

RFP For Crash Data Collection – The reasoning behind this information being collected is, by looking at high crash areas and analyzing how a crash happens you can then affect the outcome. We are also interested in what Data Collection software package is right for us.

Quiet Zone Request – Mr. Arnis explained the request for a Rail Road Quiet Zone to the TSAC. The Transportation Division has created a cost estimate for the three proposed quiet zone locations and has met with ODOT, BNSF and neighborhood association representatives last summer to scope possible quiet zone projects. Lisa Burley has worked with the SE Bend Neighborhood Association & also the Old Farm District Neighborhood to bring this issue to attention. City staff believes there is a significant amount of engineering and management in order to create designs, BNSF and ODOT approvals and LID funding in order for the quiet zones to be constructed. Mr. Arnis mentioned that engineering, management and submittal of designs to ODOT and BNSF would have to be paid for up front by the City with any reimbursement contingent on the outcome of the LID. The engineering and management of this project is not currently on the CIP or TSAC list of projects.

River West Neighborhood Assoc. Survey – Traffic Safety was the number one concern for residents in the River West Neighborhood, followed by Vacation Rentals and Rentals in general. Sami Fournier will email it to the group.

Rapid Flashing Beacons on Hwy 97 at Badger and Reed Lane – Dan Serpico reported the RFB's pedestrian signals are being installed at the Highway 97 and Badger and Reed Lane, they will be operational this week. Last week ODOT did a pre construction survey of motorist's compliance in yielding to pedestrians, after about 90 crossings they stopped the survey because of near misses. ODOT will continue to monitor these new warning devices and will do follow up surveys when they have been in operation for a while. Erik Huffman hopes these new ped signals will help people use the actual crossing instead of crossing in various places.

5) Update on Citizen Service Requests (CSRs)

Harold Anderson reported on the new speed watch volunteer program. The CSRs that involve speeding on local streets are the ones that can best be handled by this team. He reported on the work they had done so far and will up date TSAC as the program receives more assignments.

7) Citizen Service Requests from TSAC

Transportation Staff will update the committee on the status of:

In Progress

- Parrell Road disappearing bike lane – work order issued waiting for warm weather
- Metolius Road signage – Will be done at time of project

Completed

- Mt Washington signs for No Parking – Work order has been issued for additional signs – Signs installed

It was pointed out by TSAC members and other citizens that the signs have not been installed adequately to influence the behavior and people are beginning to park along Mt Washington now that the ball fields have begun the spring/summer leagues. Staff will issue another work order.

Items for next month agenda

Traffic Studies with Volunteers from police and TSAC

Robin Lewis on permanent Bike/Ped counters

Adjourn 9:20 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.